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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Gerard MATHIS et al.

Examiner: Joyce TUNG

Serial No.: 09/936,563

Group Art Unit: 1637

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Title: METHOD FOR REDUCING FLUORESCENCE QUENCHING IN BIOASSAYS

**REPLY**

Mail Stop - Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued May 31, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 20 of this paper.